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# HCN responds to '18 Money'

Submitted by by Collin Price & Arvina Martin, Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer

The recent two-part series for the Wisconsin State Journal by Reporter Dan Simmons regarding the Nation's Children's Trust Funds has provoked many reactions amongst tribal members. The issue has been, and continues to be a hot issue throughout the tribal membership. No matter where you go, or who you talk to about 18 money you're sure to find differing opinions on what needs to be done or what should remain the same.

The article 'Hitting the Jackpot: Ho-Chunk mulling changes to 18 money' in the Wisconsin State Journal (WSJ) written by Dan Simmons has set off a firestorm of anger throughout our tribal membership.

The comments posted online and the phone calls have flooded the offices of tribal leadership since the 1st article went to print. We will not attempt to defend the article but what we will do is take a stand for our Nation and our People.

Back in 2006, Dan Simmons wrote an article titled '18 Money a Jackpot or a Curse for Ho-Chunk' and this was the launch point for his recent article. Fast forward 8 years, and the Nation's per-capita distribution model appears to be not working like it

once did.

Internally, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has been seeking input from our tribal membership to look for alternative ways of 18 money distribution. This issue has sparked interest and was covered in the WSJ article.

During a livechat with Dan Simmons and the WSJ staff a participant asked them why this story was newsworthy. Here is the response:

"First, the tribe is a major employer and economic player in Wisconsin. Second, there's human drama. Third, there's tension: the Ho-Chunk Nation is proposing changes to when the payouts occur. Those elements make for a good story. Plus, how many readers have heard about this before? - Mark Pitsch"

The Nation did not pitch the article to the media. The Nation did not leak any financial data. All of the financial data used in the article was already available online to the general public and had citations for the sources used. The Nation did not view the article prior to publication or have any say in the final submission.

With that said, the article does not accurately represent the Nation's youth and our People.

We know there are some glaring inaccuracies within the recent articles. We know that there is no established \$200,000 distribution. There are a lot of factors that go into the final distribution including when someone was enrolled and if some of that was used for educational purposes prior to the final pay out.

We may not all agree on the proposed changes of the per-cap ordinance, or how the young adults spend their distribution money. But just like so many issues that our Nation faces, this is OUR issue. We live it, we see it and we're part of the issue every single day. We have been the recipient of 18 money and so have our loved ones. That is why this issue remains OUR issue and not for public con-

sumption.

Putting this issue into the mainstream public is one thing, but putting it out there and leaving the reader with the impression that we are inept Natives who are irresponsible with money is wrong. The impression left perpetuates stereotypes that we spend everyday trying to dismantle.

The work of our ancestors, and their struggles have paved the way for what we have today. From our family structure, to the government processes, and the successful businesses that operate throughout Wisconsin, this is who we are.

Glossed over were the examples of responsible spending, responsible saving and helping each other out when times get rough. We're taught to help each other, and there are countless examples our tribal members of doing just that. Whether it's in the family setting, work setting, or the community setting we're always trying to help one another out. The partnerships we have with our communities are working because we see the importance of supporting one another, and being that good neighbor. Sadly, this isn't what moves the needle when the media is looking to get readers to their websites and people picking up the newspapers. These sensationalized stories make Facebook pages explode with shares and comments.

The story has spurred more controversy and has tribal members attacking one another and making false accusations.

It's the sensationalized stories of irresponsible little Indian kids that gets people talking. It's the stories that breathe more life into racism. The general public read the articles and say "See, I knew it. They get free money and buy booze, drugs and fast cars."

The horror stories of irresponsible spending is not a Ho-Chunk issue. It's a people issue. It's easy to scour the internet or flip on the TV and find hundreds of exam-

ples of people spending their money irresponsibly. ESPN (30 for 30-Broke) documented the stories of athletes who came into millions of dollars only to spend it quickly on lavish cars and jewelry and be left with nothing to show for it a few short years later. The stories are similar with lottery winners, athletes, actors, and trust fund kids. Don't let the media convince us that this is a unique problem that only the Ho-Chunk 18 year olds face. The issue is greater than our People and we know this.

The per cap issue is ours and the internal discussions to see it work better for our young adults will continue to take center stage within tribal politics.

Regardless of which camp you're in, it's safe to assume that we as tribal members, parents and government officials all want to make the best decision for our young adults. Some of us parents have been in the shoes of our new high school graduates and have had the opportunity to experience a lump sum of money that was previously never afforded to us. And because of that we don't want people to make the same mistakes. These mistakes are the ones that the media tends to gravitate to.

This report reminds us all that there are people who do not have the same consideration for our young tribal members. Many of the people they encounter look at them and only see dollar signs. It is important that we not allow others, whether it is the press, or nefarious businesses, to paint us and our members with broad brush strokes, but also to keep an eye on our young adults. We need to continue to make sure they know the options available to them, and encourage to find the best ways to practice their own wealth management.

We will continue to serve our People and protect one another from outside attacks that do nothing but aim to tear us apart and bring us down.

With the Nation continuing to play a role in local, state, and national politics, we will always have our detractors. Some of them will use cheap tricks and write stories to paint us in the worst possible light, all with the intent of subverting our influence. Rest assured that officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation will always be working for the advancement of all our tribal members, and that we will not let our citizens be maligned. We will continue to use our voice to champion our interests, and protect our families.

What was once a good option for 18 money distribution may not be working today. However, it may be working just fine. That debate will never go away.

If you feel your child, or a child you know is being adversely targeted by a business, please contact the Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org). Additionally, we encourage you to stay informed and use some of the following resources to help guide you on your way to responsible saving and spending.

[StopFraud.gov](http://StopFraud.gov)  
[How to Avoid Scams & Frauds](http://HowtoAvoidScams.com)

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak?  
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Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.



## Dear Veteran

I would like to share with you some information about the newly launched Employment Center available on [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov).

The Employment Center, is a federal source for Veterans looking for new career opportunities in the private and public sectors, as well as Service members transitioning to the civilian workforce, military spouses and dependents looking for employment opportunities, G.I. Bill® beneficiaries transitioning from training to the job market and employers looking to connect with high quality applicants. This new site integrates multiple tools and resources for both job seekers and employers, including the Veterans Job Bank. For a step-by-step introduction to the site, watch this video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWfhI-eSoWk>)

AS a Veteran, service member, military spouse or a dependent who is either unemployed or looking for a different career opportunity, I strongly encourage you to check out the new Employment Center. Once on the site you will be able to use the Skills Translator to translate your military skills to civilian skills or skip directly to building a resume with the Resume Builder tool. Resumes created on the site will be available for viewing by both private and public sector employers who are specifically looking to hire Veterans. Please, visit [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) and click on the Employment Center tab on the top navigation bar to create and post your resume. This will ensure that employers looking to hire Veterans like you have access to your resume online.

*Employment Center*



**Head Start** is currently accepting applications for all of our Head Start areas (BRF, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, and Wittenberg). If you have any questions, or would like to enroll your child in Head Start please contact one of the local centers or our central office at: 715-284-4915 or 800-362-4476.

## Correction:

The Hocak Worak published the wrong web address for the Newberry Library's link to the Helen Miner Miller papers on the Wisconsin Winnebago 1881-1979.

[http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/MillerHM.xml](http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/MillerHM.xml)

Please visit the site if you can't make it to the library.

## Free Rabies Clinic

**Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinic for your pet! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.**

### Offering Distemper/Parvo Vaccinations Again:

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dog's only \$5.00/dog! Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis. Open to all Tribal Members.



Date	Location	Time
June 4	Tomah Blue Wing Community bldg.	9:30am-12:00
June 4	Nekoosa TAU/Headstart parking lot	2:30pm-4:30pm
June 11	Wittenberg Health Office	11:00am-2:00
June 18	Winnebago Heights/TAU Parking lot	10:00am-12:00pm
June 18	Ho-Chunk Village/HOW	2:00pm-4:30pm
June 25	BRF Sand Pillow Community Bldg.	9:00am-12:00pm
June 25	Bld BRF Indian Mission/Old Food Distribution	1:30pm-4:00pm

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!**

Questions please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 1-800-294-9343 ext. 5011 or 5059. Open to all Tribal Members.

## ATTENTION VETERANS!

Vietnam - Desert Storm - Iraq - Afghanistan

**Anyone who may have been exposed to dioxins, toxins from the burn pits and other hazardous materials.**



**Vietnam Veterans of America - Wisconsin State Council** requests your attendance:

### TOWN HALL MEETING

**When:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Where:** Andrew Blackhawk pow wow grounds  
(Hwy 54 East (1.5 miles HCN BRF Casino)

**Time:** 11:00 am (in the dance arena)

**Speakers:** John Margowski, Richard Lindbeck & Michael Demski  
This event will discuss possible side effects due to exposure to hazardous material. **EXPOSURE can effect yourselves, your children, grandchildren and possibly your spouse.** Please come, listen and participate. Additional information will be handed out at the event. Tribal Veterans Service Officers and County Veterans Service Officers have been invited to attend as well.

If you have additional questions please contact the Monroe County Veterans Service Office: 608-269-8727.

## 18 Money

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[http://dfi.wa.gov/consumers/invest\\_scam\\_avoid.htm](http://dfi.wa.gov/consumers/invest_scam_avoid.htm)  
How to find a financial advisor you can trust- <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-to-find-a-financial-advisor-you-can-trust/>

If you're interested in viewing financial data related to per-capita distribution for the Ho-Chunk Nation along with other tribes throughout the state and country please visit the links below.

**Ho-Chunk Per Capita Payments**  
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/manual/Tribal%20Income.pdf>  
**Allocations of tribal revenues**  
[http://www.narf.org/nill/Codes/hochunkcode/2HCC12\\_Per-Cap.pdf](http://www.narf.org/nill/Codes/hochunkcode/2HCC12_Per-Cap.pdf)

**2013 Tribal gaming revenues**  
[http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/Revenue-Estimates/Documents/2014\\_01\\_16\\_Revenue%20estimates.pdf](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/Revenue-Estimates/Documents/2014_01_16_Revenue%20estimates.pdf)

**Tribal payments to the State broken down by tribes**  
[http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/Informational-Papers/Documents/2013/88\\_Tribal%20Gaming%20in%20Wisconsin.pdf](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/Informational-Papers/Documents/2013/88_Tribal%20Gaming%20in%20Wisconsin.pdf)

**Gambling has given Ho-Chunk new hope**  
<http://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2014/03/03/gambling-has-given-ho-chunk-new-hope/>

**Richest Tribe in America**  
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2012/08/13/every-member-of-a-minnesota-indian-tribe-makes-at-least-1-million-a-year/>

## 2014 Graduates...

Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.



With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel their efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

*A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements! Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 20th for the June 27th edition of the Hocak Worak.*

# Ho-Chunk Clinic staff bid farewell to Berra

**Ken Luchterhand**

Staff Writer

Co-workers, associates and friends said good-bye to an integral part of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Care Center, Black River Falls.

A farewell meal and ceremony was held for Kyle Berra, director of medical services on Friday, May 9, in the clinic conference room.

"He's ambitious and he does everything I've asked him to do. And he does it on a timely basis," said Ken Lemieux, medical services administrator, at the ceremony. "He's made a significant contribution to our mission."

Lemieux said that, because he is from an administrative background, Berra has helped him understand parts of the medical field.

"Kyle is one of the key experts in the field," he said.

Berra has been in that capacity with the clinic for al-

most three years, having started in June 2011. He's leaving for a position as director of clinic operations at Tomah Memorial Hospital.

Growing up in Genoa, Wisconsin, he obtained a Bachelor's degree from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, majoring in physical education – athletic training. After receiving that degree, he was an athletic trainer for eight years. Because of the odd hours that he'd have to work, Berra decided to switch professions.

"My hours were not good for my kids," he said.

He went back to back and earned a Master's degree in healthcare management from University of North Alabama.

While working with the Ho-Chunk Nation, Berra's role has been to oversee the clinic outpatient operations, which consists of the medical, dental and optical divisions.

"The best thing was seeing

the department grow and the services grow," he said. "It's gotten a lot bigger, with more communication between the departments. Patient services has improved."

An image of a river with fish everywhere adorned his farewell cake, symbolic of one of his passions.

"I love to fish – any type – but mostly catfish," he said. Although he wouldn't disclose his favorite hotspots for fishing, he did say it was in local rivers.

He and his wife, Jami, live between Black River Falls and Millston, along with their children, Collin, 7, and Samantha, 6.

"I learned a lot working here. I learned a lot about working with state and federal agencies, along with working with all the tribes in Wisconsin," Berra said. "It's been tough at times, but overall very enjoyable."



**Kyle Berra receives a Pendleton blanket from Ken Lemieux in recognition of his service to the Ho-Chunk Nation.**

## Benefits of basil

By: Angela DeSmith, DTR, CLC Nutrition Education Assistant Nekoosa/Wittenberg

Antioxidants and Anticancer activity....Yes, that's what researchers found in essential oil of basil. All fruits and vegetables contain antioxidants so it makes sense that basil would contain it too. As far as anticancer activity that makes sense as well, due to the fact that antioxidants protect cells in the body from damage. That's two more reasons to load up on the leafy green herb.

Basil is incredibly fragrant, delicious, and nutritious. My summer just does not feel complete without growing and eating fresh basil. This green stuff is amazing! It is commonly used in Italian dishes such as pizza, spaghetti, lasagna, and eggplant parmesan. However, it has recently made its way into other numerous dishes like soups, quiches, casseroles and even desserts.

My all-time favorite is basil pesto. Pesto is very simple to make and goes great on crackers, chips, flat breads, sandwiches, wraps, noodles, rice, cottage cheese, and yogurt.

If you grow a garden or plant in pots you will want to make sure you plant some basil. Better yet plant a patch. If you are unable to plant your own then I recommend looking for it at the local farmers market or Coop. They usually sell herbs in a variety of quantities, including large bundles at a reasonable price. Also, there are usually several different varieties available. The grocery store tends to sell a few sprigs of one variety at a rather expensive price.

If you have not had the experience of smelling fresh ba-



sil then you have got to get a whiff of this stuff. The aroma is heavenly and immediately entices your taste buds to whip up a batch of pesto.

If you are not currently a basil connoisseur, you will find once you get a taste of fresh home grown basil you can never seem to find or get enough. I hope you are inspired to try basil, or try it in a way you have not tried before, and to grow your own.

### Growing Basil

- Seeds can be started early indoors but may require some patients plus trial and error

- Plants or seeds can be sown outdoors when there is no longer any danger of frost, usually end of May

- Plant in a full sun location
- Water regularly
- Harvest and eat the leaves throughout the summer

- Basil is an annual which requires new planting each year

### Basil Pesto Recipe

1 1/2 cups fresh basil leaves  
2 cloves garlic  
1/4 cup pine nuts or walnuts  
1/2 cup parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup olive oil

Place ingredients in a food processor or blender and mix until all ingredients are distributed evenly.

-Enjoy!

Reference: Mahmoud, G. (2013). Biological effects, antioxidant and anticancer activities of marigold and basil essential oils. Journal of Medicinal Plants Research, 7(10), 570.

**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 23rd which will be published on May 30th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.**

**Pace and Pedal**  
Duathlon      5.5 Mile Run | 10 Mile Bike

**Saturday, June 28th, 2014**  
Lake Wazee County Park, Black River Falls, WI

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pace &amp; Pedal Duathlon</b> Registration - \$25 per person (includes event registration, chip timing & t-shirt)
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Wazee Fun Run/Walk (2.7 miles)</b> Registration - \$15 per person (includes event registration & t-shirt)
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth Race (1.1 miles)</b> Registration - FREE (includes race headband and participant medal)
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Pace &amp; Pedal Duathlon Award Ceremony</b>

**RACE DIVISIONS**  
**Pace & Pedal Duathlon:** 12 & under, 13-18, 19-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 60+, 2-person Team  
**Youth Race:** ages 12 & under

**REGISTRATION** - [www.brmh.net/paceandpedal](http://www.brmh.net/paceandpedal)

No refunds. All events will take place rain or shine. If lightning occurs, times will be backed up in 1/2 hour increments, with cancellation after 2 hours.

**Event Co-sponsors:**  
**BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

All proceeds to benefit Jackson County's obesity coalition; Jackson In Action.

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# Food Sovereignty Summit focuses on healthy, culturally relevant foods

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How sovereign are we if we can't feed ourselves? This question was asked and many more concerns were discussed at the summit. The Food Sovereignty Summit, Collaboration for Sustainability, Providing the Future for our People, was held on April 15-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Keynote speakers were Winona LaDuke Executive Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project, Ross Racine Executive Direc-



**George Toya, Manager, Nambe Pueblo Farm in New Mexico, distributes heirlooms seeds during the Food Sovereignty Summit seed exchange session.**

tor Intertribal Agriculture Council, Janie Hipp Director Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative University of Arkansas, Michael Roberts President First Nations Development Institute, Chairman Mike Wiggins Bad River Band of Indians, Wisconsin.

Three training tracks were offered, Sustainable Agriculture Practices, Community Outreach and Development, and Business Management, Finance and Marketing. Attendees had the option of following one track or more according to what would benefit them the most.

Participants toured the Oneida Tsunh#hk (Joon-hequa) Cannery, Oneida Food Distribution Program and Oneida Market, the tribe's apple orchard, bison farm and Tsunh#hk Farm.

Through the efforts of the Oneida Nation, First Nations Development Institute, Intertribal Agriculture Council and the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, the Food Sovereignty Summit was offered to educate, support and validate what many tribal members and tribal officials have come to know. Natives are becoming sick and dying at younger ages due to nutrient poor and toxic foods.

Life Skills Coordinator, Kimberly Whitewater had this to say, "Why is this important to us as people? We are considering ourselves to be sovereign but yet we outsource our foods. I'm very passionate about this because I've watched and continue watching so many of our people living their elder years disabled and dying before their time."

Whitewater said, "An apple a day today can kill a person. If not washed until there is no sign of the pesticides sprayed on them, otherwise you're ingesting poison. These pesticides get into the soil and water, then into the tree and the fruit anyway. How do you wash that away?"

Whitewater said, "Much of the discussion was on preservation and planting of first nations heirloom seeds. If we produce foods to feed our own people we are showing the rest of the world we are going to survive and thrive."

The Food Sovereignty Summit logo represented the Three Sisters philosophy which includes corn, beans and squash. They are planted together to provide life sustenance. Each provides an element of support to the other to allow each entity to flourish.



**Food Sovereignty Summit participants Tour the Tsunh#hk (Joon-hequa) Farm greenhouse which serves as an educational and demonstration site to create Oneida community interest in growing their own food.**



**Participants tour the Oneida Tsunh#hk (Joon-hequa) Farm taking time to chuckle at the chickens and walk around farm equipment.**

## Ho-Chunk student Stella Greendeer organizes diversity panel

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

Soon to graduate from Laurel Charter High School, Stella Greendeer put some of her energy toward getting a discussion panel for Viroqua's 2014 Diversity Day. The event took place on April 30 and was held in downtown Viroqua at the Rooted Spoon Kitchen Table.

Greendeer focused on getting panel members who were



**Iftikhar Memon (left) and Ayesha Patnaik answer questions from the audience and tell how much they appreciate the United States of America.**

not born in the United States. And she did just that. Included in the minority panel were Ayesha Patnaik, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse represented the culture of India and Iftikhar Memon represented his Pakistani culture. Memon is employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation as a teacher for Youth Services in Black River Falls. A third panel member was invited as a representative of the

Hmong culture but was not present.

Discussion started out with both panel members telling of incidents they have experienced in the United States as "people of color." Patnaik was formerly in a university town in Michigan and did not have any situations or incidents due to her cultural diversity.

Memon expressed a few difficult situations he encountered in the past. Memon told the audience comprised mostly of high school students, that he had been stereotyped. But more importantly he had been over-looked and not considered for teaching positions because of his diverse ethnic background.

The panel members asked the audience, "How many Native American or Asian teachers do you have here in Viroqua?" A student replied, "There aren't any culturally diverse teachers in our schools." Another student asked, "How do we go about

getting teachers from different cultural backgrounds?" "Stella found me . . ." Memon replied, "She did her research and found the people she needed to fill the positions for the Diversity Day panel."

Panel moderator, Greendeer asked the audience if they had any other questions or comments. She also asked the panel if they would like to make any additional statements. Memon commended the people who plan and organize Diversity Day and thanked them for the opportunity to have educational panels like these. "Educating the public gives a better understanding of cultural diversity, eliminating stereotypical thinking," he said.

Memon and Patnaik offered their contact information to those that attended the presentation. Memon informed the audience he is available to do future presentations about his country and his experiences. At first he asked someone



**Stella Greendeer takes action for Viroqua 2014 Diversity Day by forming a discussion panel.**

to invite him to speak, then Memon jokingly stated, "If I am not invited, I will show up on your doorstep anyway." With all humor and jokes aside, understanding cultural diversity by receiving culturally correct information is the key to getting along with others.

## Taking Back Our Communities Drug and Gang Awareness

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

The upcoming event Taking Back Our Communities 2014 will prove to be an important asset to the community. "Arrest rates went down after the 2010 conference," said Jean-Ann Day, Division Director Community Supportive Services. When the community is educated and has knowledge

of gang and drug activity, something can be done about these problems.

The informational event will take place Monday, May 19 at the Lunda Theater in Black River Falls.

The agenda will begin with registration and meal at 4:30-5 PM. The welcoming, prayer and introduction of speakers will be given by Wilfrid

Cleveland.

Presenters will be Lt. Garavilla and Lt. Burlingame from Jackson Correctional Institution. Their first item of discussion will include: Why are we doing this presentation? At 5:45-6:45 PM will be the presentation on gangs and drugs in the area. Following the presentation at 6:45-7 PM youth and adults

will break into two groups. At 7:30-8 PM a general session will take place to discuss what was learned. Door Prizes will be awarded concluding the program.

"I don't want to see any of our youth in jail. It affects the whole family," said Day. The information discussed during Taking Our Communities Back will be "Giving people

the tools to prevent others from destroying their lives," stated Day.

More presentations of Taking Our Communities Back 2014 will be as follows: June 7 House of Wellness, Baraboo 10-3 PM; June 14 Tomah High School 10-3 PM; June 21 Wittenberg High School 10-3 PM

# Blue Wing community gardeners to use raised garden beds

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

For Earth Day 2014, Blue Wing community gardeners were hard at work. Several participants prepared food for the blessing of the garden meal and celebration, while others were constructing wooden frames for raised garden beds.

Colorful, plastic flags are now in place marking the dimensions of the specially designed garden. Tribal elder Conroy Greengrass, Sr. designed the circular shaped garden divided into four sec-

tions. Each section will be comprised of several raised garden beds. The raised beds are easier to maintain and each will hold specific vegetable plants.

The symbolic shaped garden is situated around a fire pit. On the day of celebration, rocks were lined up around the pit; wood, dried leaves and cones were placed in the center ready for burning.

Melanie Stacy is the project manager for the community garden. She has drawn up a master plan with input from recent community garden

meetings. The group scheduled seed planting for when the weather warms up and the ground is suitable for seed germination. Some vegetable starter plants will be nurtured in the greenhouse and will transplanted when growing season progresses.

The community gardeners meet on Mondays at Blue Wing to plan, organize, and report their progress on the garden project. More information is available on Facebook; Friends of the Blue Wing Community Garden.



**Bill Halfman (UW Ext.) and Kelvin Decorah (HHCDA) stack the many wooden frames constructed for the Blue Wing community garden.**

## Ho-Chunk Health Care Center pharmacist to retire on May 22

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Anyone who has had a prescription filled at the Ho-Chunk Pharmacy in Black River Falls is probably already familiar with Lieutenant Commander Douglas Beaver. He's the pharmacist who explains your medication to you with a big warm smile and sometimes a joke or two.

He has become well known for his joking character. A lollipop always waiting to bring a smile to the sick kids, and was a great stress reliever for mothers trying to manage the doctor's visit.

Beaver has made the decision to retire and his last day will be Thursday, May 22.

A potluck farewell lunch will be held for Beaver from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and an open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. for people to stop by and visit.

"Despite the fact I was dispensing medicine, I also was dispensing laughter," he said.

When he offered information about their medications, he was convinced that they were more likely to heed his advice if they made a connection with him – that he was a down-to-earth type of guy.

"Almost everyone got a special unique approach tailored to them," he said. "The key to success is making a connection with the people."

Beaver often went above and beyond to take care of the needs of his patients. He would ensure medications got to those desperately in need. People who unfortunately may have been incarcerated, had transportation dilemmas, and or for people whom were homebound.

"I made every possible effort to get the Nation's people and employees their much needed medications," he said. Coordinating and orchestrating medication delivery to patients was a daily priority to him. Beaver wishes to thank the Community Health staff for their assistance in accomplishing his delivery agenda.

He has stayed late when necessary when he knew people were on their way to the pharmacy and needed their medications. And he would drop them off at their hous-

es on his way home after a long day's work when they couldn't make it in.

"They are more likely to take their medications if they know that you care," he said.

Douglas Beaver was born and raised in Loyal, Wisconsin, one of nine children and the youngest living son. A younger half-brother, Ronald, is deceased. He has three younger sisters.

After high school graduation, Beaver enlisted into the U.S. Army, where he held several military occupational specialties. His first was an Aerial Observer Crewchief aboard helicopters, serving in Germany, plus several state-side posts.

After his service in the military, Beaver returned home to work with his father as a timber feller and logger. Eventually, his brother Gary and himself owned and operated a logging and lumber operation with numerous employees. It wasn't long before he realized that logging was a tough physically demanding occupation and his body was beginning to feel it.

"If I feel like this at 32, what will I feel like when I'm 52?" he thought. A new direction was in order. In 1992, Beaver decided to return to school, so he attended the University of Wisconsin – Baraboo.

"At first, I thought I would study to become a civil engineer, but a kooky very caring general chemistry professor, Ms. Eddie, changed my mind," he said. He continued his general studies with the new direction of being a pharmacist. He attained an Associate in Sciences degree for Medical Lab Technologies from Madison Area Technical College (MATC). In 1998, Beaver was accepted into the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, where he received a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

In his final year of Pharmacy School, the then Staff Sergeant Beaver was recruited by the U.S. Public Health Service leaving the U.S. Army Reserves to become a Commissioned Corps Officer. He could have worked with the many divisions of that department, such as Immigration and Naturalization Services,

the Centers for Disease and Control and Protection, and the Food and Drug Administration. The now-Lieutenant Beaver chose the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In preparation for his work in prisons, he attended correctional officer training in Glynnco, Georgia. His first assignment would be at the Federal Prison, Duluth, Minnesota, where he stayed for two years.



**Lieutenant Commander Douglas Beaver will be retiring this May.**

On July 5, 2005, Lt. Beaver would transfer to Indian Health Services Division, being assigned as the Chief Pharmacist with duty at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Clinic, Black River Falls, WI.

"I've been the pharmacy manager ever since," Beaver said.

When he started, he worked the pharmacy by himself – with no staff. The Black River Falls pharmacy now employs two full-time pharmacists and four certified pharmacy technicians.

The pharmacy was remodeled, with Beaver designing the lay-out for positive and efficient work flow. He also had the vision to organize the area for the future addition of robotics to fill scripts, which it presently has acquired. The robotic mechanism has the ability to fill up approximately 100 scripts (prescriptions) per hour, but only filling the top 200 medications. Other medications, such as inhalers and ointments still must be filled by hand.

Since that time, the pharmacy has grown 25 to 35 percent every year. To emphasize how much the operation has

grown, when Beaver started, the Ho-Chunk Pharmacy stores were purchasing about \$160,000 dollars of medications total per year. At present, the pharmacy's, in both Black River Falls and Baraboo, are purchasing about \$3.5 million at each location.

In the final phase of the project, hopes are to be able to completely take over the mail order medication process, of those medications that are paid through insurance.

"My goal, when I came, is that I wanted to develop a pharmacy operations that would be highly efficient in order to better serve the Clinic's patients, not only for today but well into the future," Beaver said. "I believe I have accomplished that. It is a well-oiled machine with little to adjust and it will continue to operate well for many more years after I leave."

One of the lowest points of his career is when he learned about the death of co-worker and pharmacist Dennis Koula and his wife, Merna. "I admired him as a colleague," he said. "I had the good fortune of having a well-seasoned pharmacist to provide me with advice. He was instrumental in maintaining focus of the operation and keeping it successful."

One of the advantages of retiring is not having to make the 162-mile a day commute to work every day. Beaver lives in Coloma, WI.

"I had to be here without fail – through snowstorms, rain, treacherous conditions – the pharmacy was never closed," he said. "First one here, and last one to leave for many a days", he said.

Through it all, Beaver said many people have been supportive and helped make the pharmacy operations less stressful and a successful operation.

"I want to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for the support to be able to better serve the patients," Beaver said.

"I want to thank certain people for building a successful vision," he said. He wants to thank Joan Greendeer-Lee, the Information Technology Director, for her faithful and relentless support. "Her wisdom and behind the scene support was instrumental to

pharmacy realizing its future vision. He also wants to thank administrative support, which includes Carol Rollins, Rebecca Shawley, HHCC Office Manager, Dr. Tom Walker and Elliot Blackdeer (for believing in the Pharmacy Business Plan and Vision that he and CDR Hall co-authored), Tina Froeba, and Hattie Walker (Dual Pharmacy Conceptor). Also thanks goes out to the Executive Health Board, which is comprised of members of the community and helps with legislative support. A special "Thanks!" to Sally Zager, Dental Hygienist, who helped the pharmacy with the insurance contracts.

Appreciation goes to fellow colleague and Commissioned Corps Officer, Commander Ted Hall. Hall, the Pharmacy Director, worked together with Beaver to create a business plan for the pharmacy operations. His diligent efforts and support was key to making the pharmacy operations a success, said Beaver.

"It's been a pleasure to work under his leadership," Beaver said. He also said it has been a pleasure working with the doctors, nurse practitioners and clinic support staff of all departments.

His plans during retirement are to slow down and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle. He plans to spend a lot of time on his hobby farm.

"I'm looking forward to retiring not only to the farm, but to be able to spend a lot more time with my family, especially my wife, Teresa," he said. "I will be working as a 'Farmer' instead of a pharmacist." Also, he still has a saw mill, so he will be sawing wood, along with his hobbies of fishing, camping, four-wheeling, riding his Harley Davidson and traveling.

But he may not be totally disconnected with his former position with the Ho-Chunk Nation as one might think. Retired from Public Health Service, Dr. Beaver may be involved with setting up a satellite pharmacy in Nekoosa, but those ideas are still in the planning stages. "Some Tribal members and the Nation's employees may get a second chance to listen to my dorky jokes, and great sense of humor."

# Think Tank serves as a support forum for Ho-Chunk Small Business Owners

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Starting your own business can be unnerving and even scary. Such a venture can actually seem to be something that is too farfetched or too difficult to ever become a reality.

This is not true in Hunter Eary's way of thinking and decision to make his dream of a cabinet making business come true. The ambitious 27 year old, and his father Mark, attended the Small Business Think Tank meeting held at the Blue Wing community building on April 29. The group met to share business plans, stories, experiences, barriers, concerns and fears. Participants shared how they worked past or how they are currently working to overcome these barriers, that could otherwise block or hold back a prospective small business owner's success.

Tina Boisen, Director of Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Labor and Forrest Funmaker, Director of First Nations Community Financial, carried out their concepts of holding a support forum for Ho-Chunk tribal members to focus on their aspirations of creating their own businesses.

The Small Business Think Tank, comprised of mixed levels of participants, included prospective entrepreneurs and successful business owners willing to advise, train and mentor new business owners.

Funmaker said, "We need to educate our people and our communities first and foremost to believe everything can be a business in some way from a Ho-Chunk perspective. There should be no fear of making money. Then we need to translate how our (Ho-Chunk owned) businesses should get the bulk of (Ho-Chunk Nation project) work

if they can manage it. The contracts from each program (or department) should be going to a central location and tribal members with businesses should get first dibs on those contracts."

Ken Whitehorse and Jon Thundercloud travelled from Blue Mound and Madison sensing the importance of the Think Tank meeting. Whitehorse, who owns a paving and construction company, joined the discussion by telling of situations they've encountered and how they worked past difficult barriers. Whitehorse told of the massive paperwork he tried to avoid when applying for Ho-Chunk Nation's programs. He expressed how he almost did not seek the tribe's help because of the overwhelming amount of forms to complete. He understands why other prospective business owners may not utilize the Nation's programs.

Whitehorse and Thundercloud shared their experiences with Indian preference companies and they told how attempting to win job contracts can be tiresome. The pair shared different aspects of successes and told of barriers blocking them from obtaining some contracts.

One frustration they voiced was the tribe's desire to stay with non-native companies due to the money factor or just because they've always used that particular company.

In another example, Whitehorse said he made a bid on a job, but the contract was not awarded to him. However, because of his company's expertise and quality of work, Whitehorse's services were sub-contracted by the company that was awarded the initial contract. Somewhere in the succession of filling that particular job, the actual work contract brought in a

middleman rather than hiring the most suitable quality company in the first place.

Throughout the Think Tank discussions, the group referred to resources and assistance programs offered by the Ho-Chunk Nation. However, the group came to the conclusion, it made more sense to go about getting a business off the ground without depending on the tribe. The group steered toward the recommendation that new businesses could utilize some of the Nation's programs. But in many instances, the effort, energy and red tape outweighs the efficiency and satisfaction of starting a new business without help. Both levels of participants (those enjoying self-employment already working in the private sector and those seeking advice and mentoring to make their small business happen), agreed that utilizing the Nation's programs and resources to some extent is beneficial. "New business owners could use Ho-Chunk Nation's resources in a healthy way," stated Labor Director Boisen.

Carson Funmaker, a diverse entrepreneur and owner of Cho Zii Industries, LLC, said he would mentor anyone interested in starting a business. He spoke honestly saying, "Business is a philosophy. Empower the people and the Nation's legislature and government will follow." He continued, "I keep the Nation in my rearview mirror." In other words, he appreciates the Ho-Chunk Nation's programs and would utilize them if needed.

Funmaker admitted there were times he was not so successful, but family support brought him through those times. He said he had to be persistent and take a risk by going out of his comfort zone. "Put yourself out there, do something different. Different people have different reasons for taking on entrepreneurship. The spirit, the risks, and all that goes with it. My effort and vision in my businesses has a lot to do with the next several generations," Funmaker said.

Anne Thundercloud came into the meeting with a positive and cheery demeanor. She previously was employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President as the Public Relations Officer. Thundercloud is now a self-employed public relations and marketing professional. She offered her services pro-bono even though as she said, "I can't and don't usually offer my services for free, but I want to give back to Ho-Chunk tribal members."

Thundercloud mentioned the importance of youth becoming aware of options for self-employment when they are older. She commented on the possibility of forming a group to promote, or at least offer inform, the youth of Ho-Chunk entrepreneurs. "I don't claim to know it all, I've learned from many mistakes, and boy once you make a mistake, you do learn from it," Thundercloud said. She pointed out how she had to learn certain things to make her business successful. She said she didn't know much about billing, contracts, or taxes. She continued, "So I made sure I found resources to learn about these things."

Thundercloud made this encouraging statement: "I can honestly say I sleep better every night being self-employed. I have control over my own decisions, not working for the man." She continued, "However, don't forget that passion and motivation play a huge role in becoming successful in



**Participants share experiences, successes and barriers at the Small Business Think Tank meeting held at Blue Wing.**

the business world. Many successful entrepreneurs eat, drink, and do lose sleep because they are so passionate about their work. They have to work hard to reach their business goals."

Young business owner, Hunter Eary made an early decision to use his "18 money" to invest in rental properties. After hearing about his good choices, Think Tank participants began discussion on how changes in trust fund disbursement may diminish the possibilities of other Ho-Chunks using their money in a successful way. The group recognized the pros and cons of per cap distribution. They also recognized how strong family support and influence can play an important part in creating a small business. "Luckily, Hunter allowed us to help manage his money," his father said.

Eary showed his integrity and positive work ethic when he stated, "I hope to have my own cabinet making shop. That way I won't have to do a variety of jobs I really don't want to do." When asked what other type of work he had done he replied, "Maintenance work. During that time I was told to just get the job done, not necessarily get it done right, but to get it done." Eary said, "I'd rather do a job right."

In summary, the young man's work ethic is that of doing quality work not to just get it done. This is a true example of his pride and drive as a business owner. The Think Tank group concluded from his statement that Ho-Chunk tribal members interested in starting their own businesses need to know the value of their skills and their work and they cannot be afraid to make money.

Tracy Thundercloud from the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Labor offered his closing comments. Thundercloud said, "I have gone the full circle within the Ho-Chunk Nation. My first employment with the Ho-Chunk Nation was with the Employment and Training Department working as an intake worker. Duties consisted of working with the various technical colleges for training and pounding on doors for employment opportunities for our tribal members. I worked in various other positions with the Ho-Chunk Nation and now I am back with the Department of Labor enjoying my work in finding training opportunities, searching for employment opportunities for the tribal members and working with the expanded employees of the Nation in finding training. I have gone the full circle."

Think Tank attendees thanked Tina Boisen, Forrest Funmaker and Gale White for organizing the much needed group. Plans for future Small Business Think Tank meetings were made. Those who attended this meeting, were asked to bring one other person to the next meeting. The group also discussed renaming the Small Business Think Tank and finding more trainers and mentors to work with small business owners.

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# Ho-Chunk youth face off in language baseball tournament

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

On May 6, Ho-Chunk youth faced off in the first day of the language baseball tournament. This was not a regular baseball game. The youth used their knowledge of the Hocak language to answer questions and rolled a die to score singles, doubles, triples, and homeruns to score points. Language baseball teams were assemble from Tomah, Wisconsin Dells and Black River Falls youth.

This was a two day tournament starting with the first round of games at the TOB atrium in Black River Falls, the second round of games were played at the House of Wellness in Wisconsin Dells.

Teams from Tomah and Wisconsin Dells played the first game. Tomah won by scoring of 13 points, while Wisconsin Dells scored 5 points. The next game was Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells. Black Rivers Falls

won with a score of 4 to 3.

Black River Falls advanced to the championship game against the Tomah team. Black River Falls scored 13 points while Tomah 12 points. The Black River Falls youth were victorious in the language baseball championship.

On May 7, the baseball tournament continued at the House of Wellness. The first game saw Tomah earning 20 points and Wisconsin Dells earned 18 points. In game two, the Black River Falls team outscored the Wisconsin Dells team 29 to 24. The championship game between Black River Falls and Tomah ended with the highest scores of the tournament, 32-31. As a result of determination and language knowledge, Black River Falls earned the Language Baseball championship title.

The format of the Hocak Language Baseball Tournament Rules are as follows:

**Game Objective:** to score more runs than the opposing team in 5 innings using Hocak responses only.

**Baseball Die:** The baseball die is a large die to be rolled by the student (batter) before their play

S for single, D for double, T for a triple, H for a homerun, and 2 C's for Choice. The Die is rolled to determine what the batter is playing for. If a batter rolls an S the pitcher will read the single from the playing deck. If the



**Black River Falls students display their newly acquired Hocak Language Baseball Tournament Championship trophy.**



**Wisconsin Dells youth observe and learn as the Hocak Baseball tournament progresses.**

batter rolls an H, the pitcher will read the homerun. If the batter rolls a C the batter gets to choose what they want to play for. The hits have the following criteria:

Single: Hocak to English word

Double: English to Hocak word

Triple: Hocak to English sentence

Home run: English to Hocak sentence

The Deck has five categories:

1. In the house

2. Mealtime

3. Traveling Verbs

4. Daily Life

5. Miscellaneous

Batters may choose to use a foul when the initial category is called. If a foul is called, the pitcher will put that card back into the deck. The batter must take the next category called (even if it is the same as the original.) Each batter is allowed one foul per game.

**Huddle:**

If a batter is unsure of the answer he or she may call for a huddle. The team will have 15 seconds to confer. Each team is allowed 3 huddles per game. WI: terms can earn their huddles back.

If a player answers incorrectly a player from the opposing team can answer correctly earning a huddle back. Each team is allowed 3 huddles maximum at a time.

**Officials:**

There will be at least one judge who will be a fluent speaker of the Hocak language. The judge will have the final ruling as to the correctness of all answers. The judge will only consider the first response of each batter. There will be a pitcher for each game. The

pitcher will read the category and the question from the deck to the players. The pitcher needs to always know what is happening in the game.

**Pre-game:**

1. Set up the bases

2. Collect team rosters

3. Team captains roll a dice to determine which team goes first. (High roll picks to bat first or second)

4. Pitcher shuffles the deck of baseball cards.

5. Both teams take their positions and let the games begin.

**The game:**

Batters step up to the plate and are told the category he or she has from the deck. The batter will consider the category then decide whether or not to use a foul at this time. A foul cannot be called after the die is rolled. The batter rolls the baseball die. The pitcher reads the selected hit. Batters have 15 seconds to answer the question or translate what is being asked by the pitcher. When the batter answers correctly, he or she advances the appropriate number of bases. If the batter does not know the answer they have the option to use a huddle. If the batter does not answer correctly he or she gets an out for the team. This continues down the roster until 3 outs by the team. With 3 outs, the opposing team will be up to bat. In the event of a tie the teams will play a final round of Homeruns only.

**Time Constraints:**

If there is limited time the game may be modified:

1. Limit the game to 3 innings rather than 5

2. Innings may have a "10 run rule" implemented



**Language Division staff verify an answer from a Black River Falls youth.**

## District One Community Center

### Parent/Child All-Star Shoot Out

**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Rules:**

All children must be under the age of 17

**Scoring:**

Each Parent and their Child are one team.

Teams will shoot from 10 different stations around the "KEY".

Every made shot will be a point.

The two scores will be added to determine our Winners.

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# Sacred Water, Sacred Land, held at Kickapoo Valley Reserve for Earth Day

Kathleen Roberts  
Staff Writer

Referred to as the father of Earth Day, former Wisconsin Governor and U. S. Senator Gaylord Nelson said, "The most important environmental issue is one that is rarely mentioned, and that is the lack of a conservation ethic in our culture." As a result, he was the founder of Earth Day. He wanted to educate the public and those in political positions about the necessity of respecting and maintaining the Earth.

On April 19, the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN), the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) and Kickapoo Earth Day held the fifth annual event. This year's event was titled, "Sacred



**Dr. Tyrone Hayes, Professor of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley was the main presenter for Earth Day; his years of research is internationally recognized.**

*Water, Sacred Land.*" The all day, free event featured acclaimed environmental speakers, information booths, a children and family activity tent and Native American activities in a Ciiporoke. Healthy, organic food was available which included organic hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches, and tortilla hummus, vegetable wraps and homemade desserts.

Throughout the day environmental educators and activists gave presentations to encourage preservation, restoration and protection of the water, land and air which is so vital to us all.

Dr. Nancy Philippi and Dr. Donald Hey, co-authors of Floodplain Management: Ecologic and Economic Perspectives, presented *A Case for Wetlands Restoration*. The presentation included photographs, statistics and graphs which gave the audience a better understanding of the environmental issues concerning the destruction of the wetlands and the repercussions resulting from the loss of wetlands.

Kelvin Rodolfo (Ph.D.) gave a detailed and informative update on *The Dangers of Frac Mining*. The audience learned how the process of hydraulic (fracturing) frac mining affects the Earth. Dr. Rodolfo offered hands-on

examples of size, shape and composition of sand. He described quartz silica as the best sand for fracking. Those who attended his program praised his ability to educate by clearly explaining the mining process, future mining, concerns and residual problems from past mining operations.

The main speaker was internationally known frog researcher Dr. Tyron Hayes. A professor of Integrative Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Hayes is an advocate for regulation of pesticides and other chemicals. He is recognized internationally for his findings that the herbicide atrazine disrupts frog reproductive systems. Syngenta, the Swiss manufacturer of atrazine, has contested his research used as a basis for the settlement of a multi-million dollar, class-action lawsuit against them. His comprehensive presentation was titled *Frog Wars*.

Juliee Wendland (MS) legally changed her last name to "de la Terre," (of the earth) is an environmental activist, sustainability consultant and research assistant at University of Wisconsin, Madison presented, *For Land Sakes, Re-Wild It*. In co-operation with the Ho-Chunk Nation, de la Terre joined efforts to provide a



**The ciiporoke displayed is not exactly built like a traditional one, but gives a basic idea of what Ho-Chunk people lived in many years ago, Bill Greendeer (HCN) explains to visitors.**

forum for information sharing and collaboration building to protect the environment. She and HCN tribal members, Bill and David Greendeer also gave presentations for Earth Day

David Greendeer a Deer Clan member and Legislator, spoke on shared values and concerns for the environment reflected in the words we choose, the way we communicate and how we build community. His presentation titled *Healthy Earth or Sick Earth; Caring for the Land for Thousands of Years*, included Greendeer facilitating an interactive exercise to actively engage participants on these issues.

Heading up the children and family activity tent was Ingrid Wendland. At the age of thirteen, she has been a dedicated advocate at KVR and for their annual Earth Day activities. "It is important for an event like this so we can educate people about the problems in our environment today," Wendland said. She is president of the youth committee for planning and organizing KVR Earth Day activities.

A display booth by the Valley Stewardship Network was set-up at the front of the KVR grounds. Biologist and Water Quality Coordinator, Vicki Ramsay was available for questions and answers. She had a variety of small creatures from the KVR area for observation and study. She and her son were carefully studying a small water spider. They demonstrated how important every creature is to keep the ecosystem in balance. It was refreshing to see two people focusing on such a small part of nature.

"One of the things I tell my students is that yes, competition is one theme of nature, but perhaps more than that is the theme of cooperation. There are so many organisms who live in beneficial symbiotic relationships with one another. One of the things our technological society



**Biologist, Vicki Ramsay and her son, Cassidy, observe a tiny water spider at the Valley Stewardship display booth during KVR Earth Day activities.**

has distanced people from is our connection with the creepier, crawler things of the earth. Children love studying macro invertebrates because as they get closer to this very small creature and start noticing details, they realize that they have entered a new microcosm. They care for these things. And when I tell them that if they were all to go away, the world of nature as we know it would collapse. They gain a real sense of reverence for life," explained Ramsay.

At 6 p.m. the Earth Day activities moved to the La Farge Community Center. Music, food and more community discussion relating to environmental awareness was still in progress during the evening. Music was provided by bands called, Barefoot Antenna and Freaks of Nature. Most of the attendees of the Earth Day events could be considered freaks of nature, not meaning this in a negative way, but because everyone had a connection, being aware and wanting to know more about how to help protect the earth's

*Sacred Water, Sacred Land.* Those that are very much involved in an important idea, activity or cause are often referred to as a freaks. Yes, to us all being freaks for nature.

## TRADITIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT



Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014

Time: 12:00pm

Contact Melissa or Levi at  
**715-284-0905**

Traditional Archery Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 12:00 pm located at the District One Community Center outside.

For all Community members 18 and Older.

**Prizes: 1st Place: \$100.00**

**2nd Place: \$75.00**

**3rd Place: \$50.00**

**4th Place: \$25.00**

# Earth Day observed at the Tribal Office Building

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Staff Writer

Earth Day 2014 was observed in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building with a variety of animals, equipment, pelts, and hands-on learning activities geared toward learning about



Marshall Standstraight, son of Kirk Standstraight and Wendi Huling, wears an iguana hat for Earth Day, equipped with a live iguana.

the earth and its many facets. The event was held on Tuesday, April 22, with many Ho-Chunk Headstart children in attendance.

Staff from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources conducted the hands-on exhibits, such as a basin filled with water and aquatic plants and animals; a display of firefighting equipment used for wildland fires; tree identification by using leaf rubbings; and a display of wild animal pelts.

The day was highlighted by a wildlife presentation by Dennis "Dino" Tlachac, environmental educator with Nature's Niche LLC, Stevens Point.

Tlachac displayed and talked about each species, starting with the lowest forms, such as cockroaches, then building up to rep-

tiles and finally into the large birds.

His talk informed people about the nature of each animal, such as the food each ate, the environment in which each lived, and the interactions with other animals.

Members of the audience were given the opportunity to touch each of the animals, especially the alligator and the lizards.

The show concluded with a showing of a blue and gold macaw, along with an Eclectus female parrot.



DNR staff member Russ Hunter shows the youth a nozzle for a firefighting hose and demonstrates how it is used.



How long can a snake grow? Volunteers (from left) Marshall Standstraight, Ellyitt Peters, April Schoolcraft, and Wayne Peters extend an albino boa constrictor, along with Dennis Tlachac, to find out.



Leora Kassanavoid, Chachanazi Saul and Priscilla Greengrass are amazed at how soft the fur of a skunk can feel.



Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Environmental Specialist Randy Poelma shows the youth the different aquatic plants and animals found in our local streams and waterways.

## Author Eric Carle featured at Head Start

On March 28th the Ho Chunk Gra and Puzaki Pei Cinak Head Starts held their Literacy Event together at D1CC. The theme was Eric Carle and there was loads of fun and good food had by all who attended! A special Thank You to Chavo Stumblingbear for stepping up and being our guest reader and reading Eric Carle's Head to Toe, and to Candice Green who made the amazing Hun-

gary Caterpillar cake, it was very yummy!

Head Start is currently accepting applications for all of our Head Start areas (BRF, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, and Wittenberg). If you have any questions, or would like to enroll your child in Head Start please contact one of the local centers or our central office at: 715-284-4915 or 800-362-4476.



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May 28, 2014 Nekoosa

Ho-Chunk Gaming– Nekoosa  
4:30 pm—7:00 pm

May 29, 2014 La Crosse

Three Rivers House  
4:30 pm—7:00 pm

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"Reclaiming Our Health"

**RUN 5K WALK**

Thursday, May 22, 2014 5 – 7pm

**Como Lake**

We will be meeting at the Black Bear Crossings Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Pkwy N St Paul, MN 55103 beginning at 5:00pm. \*Participants\* will receive a 5K t-shirt, a raffle ticket towards an array of prizes that encourage active lifestyles. Healthy snacks and a box dinner will be provided! To register, visit [https://indianeducation.spps.org/wanaisguni\\_hikurua\\_hajawi\\_5k\\_run\\_walk\\_registration](https://indianeducation.spps.org/wanaisguni_hikurua_hajawi_5k_run_walk_registration) or call Danielle 651-744-4018 to register, for questions/concerns!

Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian

\*Registration for this event is open to students who had Indian Education Diabetes Prevention classes with Danielle DeLong and their families, all Ho-Chunk children and families, and if possible SPPS Indian Education students and families. Each participant is eligible for prizes. T-shirts are available to early registrants, and on a first come first serve basis. The funding for this event has been made possible by the Ho-Chunk Nation's Native American Awareness Week funding, EHDI Grant from the state of MN, and the SPPS Indian Education Program.



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# Volleyball players spike up wins at the annual All Nations Tournament

Ken Luchterhand

Staff Writer

Native Americans traveled from all over the country to participate in the annual Ho-Chunk Nation's All Nations 2014 Co-ed Volleyball Tournament, held May 3 at the Black River Falls High School.

"This was a great tournament," said event organizer Katie Funmaker. "This year was probably some of the best volleyball I've seen at this tournament. The teams are getting better and better every year."

First place team, winning it all, is



(Second place) The second place team is the Dustin McGeshick Memorial from Crandon. Members of the team are Erlene Leonard, Cash Leonard, Roman Leonard, Kole McGeshick, Brandii Kroening and Jalyn LaBine. A photo of the third place team, Kiss My Ace, was not available.

The War Bonnet from the Menominee tribe in Keshena, Wisconsin. The team consists of Mike Wilber, Saswaen Waukechon, Darcie O'Kimosh, Colleen Waukechon and Kim LaTender. By winning the tournament, they received \$1,200.

Second place team is the Dustin McGeshick Memorial, consisting of Menominee, Sokaagan Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi tribal members. They are from Crandon, Wisconsin. The team consists of Erlene Leonard, Cash Leonard, Roman Leonard, Kole McGeshick, Brandii Kroening and Jalyn LaBine. They received the second-place cash award of \$900.

Third place team is Kiss My Ace, Ho-chunk tribal members from the Ho-Chunk territories. The team consists of Erica Rave, Raquel Greendeer, Lydia Cloud, Jonathon Whitebear, Runninghorse Livingston, Kenneth McAndrew and Elan WhiteEagle. They received \$600 for third place.

The team that traveled the furthest was the Husker Hitters from Nebraska. They received \$200 for that distinction.

Funmaker wants to thank the volunteers who helped make the event possible. They are L.A. Walker, John Thurow, Devon McGill, Danee Walker and Cody (last name unknown).

She also wants to thank the referees Rob Voss, Jill Wenthe and Sandy Lusk.

Special thanks go out to the Black River Falls School District, the Ho-Chunk Nation and John Thurow for making the tournament possible.



(First place) The War Bonnet from Keshena took first place at the annual tournament. Members of the team are Mike Wilber, Saswaen Waukechon, Darcie O'Kimosh, Colleen Waukechon and Kim La-Tender.

## Sand Volleyball

District 1  
Community  
Center



Contact Melissa or Levi:  
715-284-0905

- Sand Volleyball League starting Tuesday nights. **July 8, 2014**
- 4-6 players per team
- Anyone who is interested contact Melissa or Levi for team information by Thursday, July 3, 2014.
- Duration of League will be determined by how many teams participate, so get your team submitted!!!
- Registration forms are available at D1CC.

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Tomah, WI 54660  
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# Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Boys and Girls Club, Historical Society

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Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation presented donations to two Black River Falls organizations on Monday, May 12.



Jackson County Historical Society Museum Curator Norm Herman (from left) accepts the Ho-Chunk Nation donation of \$3,800 from Rep. Lori Pettibone and Rep. Susan Waukon.

District 1 Representatives Susan Waukon and Lori Pettibone presented the checks to the Black River Falls Boys and Girls Club and the Jackson County Historical Society.

"We are so happy to support both the Boys and Girls Club and the Historical Society," said Rep. Waukon. "They are both integral members of our community."

"With these donations, we are helping preserve our local history and providing helping hands to our youth," said Rep. Pettibone. "The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to help these organizations fulfill their missions."

The Boys and Girls Club plans to use the \$52,700 for new furniture for their new facility, which will begin construction this summer near the Black River Falls High School, said Center Director Diane Moen-Ross.

The Jackson County Historical Society plans to use the \$3,800 for general operating expenses, said Museum Curator Norm Herman.



Present for the Boys and Girls Club check donation on May 12 were (front row, from left) Nolan B., Jacob B., Wilbur B., Elly C., Becca R., (back row) Boys and Girls Club Advisory Chair Kris Goetzka, Center Director Diane Moen-Ross, Rep. Lori Pettibone and Rep. Susan Waukon.

## Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Milwaukee food pantry



Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin presents a donation check.

## Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Donates to American Cancer Society's - Relay For Life of UWSP

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager PR – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Wittenberg

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa completed a check presentation at UW-Stevens Point on Friday, April 25, 2014 to the planning committee of the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life of UW-Stevens Point. UWSP had 36 teams which participated and they raised \$21,000.00 at the event. They had 20 survivors

that registered for the event. The first Relay For Life of UWSP was held in 2000.

The Relay was chaired by Ellen Wargowski who is a childhood cancer survivor. The Relay For Life of UWSP had a carnival theme and had carnival type activities throughout the night. This area focuses on mission and getting people to reach out to the American Cancer Society if they or a loved one is diagnosed with cancer.



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The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$3,000 to the Congregation of the Great Spirit Church Food Pantry Monday in Milwaukee.

The donation was a part of the Feinstein Challenge, where philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein matches funds for each donation given in March and April.

Great Spirit Church raised \$13,000 during the last two months, well above their fundraising goal of \$10,000.

"The Great Spirit Church Food Pantry is an important resource and member of our community here in Milwaukee," said Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin. "I am very proud to present the Ho-Chunk Nation's donation to

an organization that helps so many during rough times."

The Church's food pantry served over 400 individuals in the month of March and was running low on supplies after the Easter Holiday.

Congregation of the Great Spirit Church accepts all monetary donations at any time throughout the year. They may be reached by phone at (414) 672-6989.

**TAKING BACK OUR COMMUNITIES 2014**

Drug and Gang Intervention and Awareness

**Monday May 19th**

Lunda Theater/Black River Falls Middle School

**Registration starts at 4:30 P.M.**

**Event ends at 8:00 PM**

**CRIME'S 911**

**DRUGS GANGS**

**HO-CHUNK NATION**

**ZERO TOLERANCE ZONE**

Meal Provided - Door Prizes at conclusion of Event

For more information contact Jean Ann Day 715-284-2622

Sponsored by: Community Supportive Services Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
APRIL 8, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Jon Greendeer  
Vice President Heather Cloud (EX)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. David Greendeer (P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (EX 12:15)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)  
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Quorum was established.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit offered a word of prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve agenda with the addition of District 1 request

Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

*Legislative Meeting minutes – March 18, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify the Legislative Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2014

Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Housing – March 20, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to approve Housing March 20, 2014 meeting minutes as is.

Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-3 (REPS: Forrest Whiterabbit, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Robert TwoBears)**

*Resolution 04-08-14A, Quick Passage, Home Ownership and Benefit Housing Program for the General Welfare of Elders Act.*

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Resolution 04-08-14A, Quick Passage, Home Ownership and Benefit Housing Program for the General Welfare of Elders Act.

Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **9-3(REPS: Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Robert TwoBears, Forrest Whiterabbit) -0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution 04-08-14B, Quick Passage, Home Ownership and Benefit Housing Program for the General Welfare of Non-Elders Act.*

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Resolution 04-08-14B, Quick Passage, Home Ownership and Benefit Housing Program for the General Welfare of Non-Elders Act.

Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **8-3 (REPS: Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Robert TwoBears, Forrest Whiterabbit)-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) RESOLUTION FAILED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt Resolution 4-08-14C, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to Home Ownership And Benefit Housing Program For the Welfare of Non-Elders ACT (8 HCC § 5) Out For Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution 04-08-14D Establishment of Restricted Account for HCN District 1 Housing.*

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt Resolution 04-08-14D, Establishment of Restricted Account for HCN District 1 Housing. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **2-9(Reps: Robert TwoBears, Forrest Whiterabbit, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Lori Pettibone, Henning Garvin, Susan Waukon, Matt Mullen, David Greendeer, Greg Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION FAILED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to table the VII Resolutions #4-7 Establishment of Restricted Accounts. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to table Resolution 04-08-14E, Housing Establishment Act Amendments. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Development – March 25, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve Development March 25, 2014 meeting minutes

Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **9-0-3(Reps: Henning Garvin, David Greendeer, Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.**

*Health, Social Service and Insurance – April 4, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve Health, Social Service and Insurance

April 4, 2014 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution 04-08-14F, Establishment of Ho-Chunk Nation Sex Offender Registry and Exclusions Code Work Group.*

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table Resolution 04-08-14F, Establishment of Ho-Chunk Nation Sex Offender Registry and Exclusions Code Work Group. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Finance – March 31, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt Finance March 31, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Special Finance – April 1, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to adopt Special Finance April 1, 2014 meeting minutes

Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **10-2(Reps: Lori Pettibone, Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to add the elder work program next on the Legislative Agenda

Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **9-3(Reps: Susan Waukon, Lori Pettibone, Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to have a separate Finance budget hearing for the Elder Work Program April 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 10:00am. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Special Finance – April 2, 2014*

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Special Finance April 2, 2014 meeting minutes Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **7-5(Reps: Shelby Visintin, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Lori Pettibone, Darren Brinegar, Forrest Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to add youth services staffing to Special Budget meeting April 9, 2014. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **5-7(Reps: Shelby Visintin, Darren Brinegar, David Greendeer, Forrest Whiterabbit, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Andrea Estebo, Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to add teacher position district 4 remove the second Home School Coordinator with the new budget \$3,657,234.00. Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **8-4(Reps: Robert TwoBears, Susan Waukon, Greg Blackdeer, Lori Pettibone)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

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MOTION by Rep. Matt M



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## HO-CHUNK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ART SHOW

May 24 - 25, 2014  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Andrew Blackhawk  
Pow-Wow Grounds

Please watch for registration materials on the Ho-Chunk Nation website.

All artwork will be judged on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 4:00 PM

Each artist should be available to discuss their artwork.

**A light meal will be served at 5:00pm on Saturday. Any Ho-Chunk Alumni (i.e. all postsecondary graduates of one- to four-year programs) are welcome!**



HO-CHUNK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ART SHOW  
REGISTRATION FORM  
MAY 24 - 25, 2014

NAME:

CATEGORY:  STUDENT  ADULT

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

DESCRIPTION OF ART WORK:

REMARKS/DIRECTIONS FOR DISPLAY:

*Please send this registration form to Joyce Warner, 545 Maple Dr., Mauston, WI 53948 or via email to [jwdr20@frontier.com](mailto:jwdr20@frontier.com) or JoAnn Jones at [joannjones43@yahoo.com](mailto:joannjones43@yahoo.com)*

### Notice of Monthly Meeting

### HCDA

#### Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

Will meet on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 6:00 PM, at the HCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, May 14, 2014 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

## NOTICE

Effective immediately, Education board of directors has a vacancy in District IV. In addition, upcoming in June 2014, Education board of directors will have vacancies in District I and District III, respectively. If you are an enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member and you are interested in filling one of these seats, please forward a letter of interest and your vitae to the attention of Michelle R. Cloud in the Education department. Michelle can be reached at 1-800-362-4476 or at [Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com) for additional information.

The Ho-Chunk Nation  
Division of Natural  
Resources will be giving out  
1lb. bag of shelled Indian  
corn to tribal members  
beginning April 15<sup>th</sup> - May  
31<sup>st</sup> in the DNR Office  
located at the Tribal Office  
Building.  
(\*Limit 1 bag per tribal member)



## ATTENTION HO-CHUNK NATION YOUTH YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM IS GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER SUMMER OF EXCELLENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

(14-17 Years old HCN Enrolled)  
Applications Accepted Beginning May 15th 2014

A change to the program beginning this year is the youth will be able to begin employment as soon as school is out and they have completed the hiring paperwork and requirements of the Department of Labor and Personnel.

If you were on Ho-Chunk Nation SYEP previously and are doing the same job you do not need a new work permit. However, all new applicants and previous YWEP youth applying for different jobs will need new Work Permits.

Medical Prescreen and Tax Forms are to be picked up at the Department of Personnel and the Application Packet can be picked up at the Department of Labor or printed off of the Department of Labor Website.

The Department of Labor applications will be stamped to verify date of receipt. We encourage parents and guardians to involve youth to be a part of all of the process. It is a goal of the Youth Work Experience program to give our youth as REALISTIC an experience as possible when it comes to seeking and maintaining employment. We thank you for your commitment to this goal.

Contact Elva Brown in the Department of Labor for further assistance  
At 800-284-9343 or 715-284-5877 Ext. 1162

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU WITH YOUR YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE

### Monroe County Personnel Department

14345 County Highway B, Room 3  
Sparta, WI 54656-4509  
(608) 269-8719

Listed below are current vacancies that the Monroe County Personnel Department will accept applications for. If you know anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact the Personnel Department to receive the appropriate materials to apply for the position. If no deadlines are listed, the position will remain open until filled.

Position:  
**Soil & Water Conservationist**  
Department: Land Conservation  
Full-Time Position  
Hiring Range: \$34,856-\$38,563 annually  
Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2014

Position:  
**Public Works Laborer**  
Department: Highway/Maintenance  
Full-Time positions  
Hiring Range: \$13.48-16.85/hr.  
Deadline: Friday May 23, 2014

Rolling Hills Nursing Home is accepting applications for the following:

Position: **Dietary Cook**  
Full-time 11:00 AM – 7:30 pm  
Minimum Salary:  
\$10.08/hr. - \$11.15/hr.

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment

has the following vacancies:

District 3 – 1 Position

District 5 – 2 Positions

Length of Term: 4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend their District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

## ATTENTION HO-CHUNK ELDERS

Administered by Auxiant, the Nation's Elder insurance coverage begins at age 60.

**Ho-Chunk Elders must sign up for Medicare part B when they attain age 65.**

- There is a seven (7) month window for enrollment.
- The enrollment window consists of three (3) months prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, the month of your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and three (3) months after your birthday.
- You will receive a letter from Medicare prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please save this letter as a reminder you need to take action.
- Tribal Aging Unit will assist you in the sign-up.
- If you miss the initial enrollment period:
- There is an open enrollment period during the first three (3) months of every year (January, February and March).
- When you enroll in open enrollment the effective date of coverage is always July 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.
- There is a higher premium penalty if you do not sign up when eligible.
- If you are employed by the Nation when you attain age 65 and you have insurance coverage through your employer:
- You do not have to sign up for Medicare Part B until you lose full-time status or terminate your employment. The Nation's health plan pays for your covered medical expenses.
- When you end employment or lose full-time status with the Nation you must sign up for Part B immediately in order for Medicare to cover 80% of your covered health care costs.
- If you are employed outside the Nation and you have insurance coverage through your employer, you have the option to sign up for Part B at age 65.
- The Elder insurance plan will only pay 20% of covered medical expenses.
- Your employer's plan may not provide all of the 80% not covered by the Nation's elder insurance plan.
- Therefore with Medicare Part B coverage you may have personal financial responsibility for the gap in coverage.
- Consequences of not signing up for Medicare Part B when eligible
- Elder insurance plan administered by Auxiant will "carve out" the 20% of covered medical costs they normally pay.
- The Elder is left with financial responsibility for the 80% of covered medical costs that Medicare Part B normally pays.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU SAVE THIS INFORMATION  
SO YOU CAN REFER TO IT AS NECESSARY

The family of  
Alice Mae Eades (Maaxi Pase ga)



would like to give the most heartfelt

Thank You

to family and friends who were there for us during our time of great sorrow. Your love and support allowed us to move forward after the loss of our mom, Gogs, sister, aunt, and friend. We will all be forever grateful for all the prayers, cards, food, flowers, and financial donations.

Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Office of the President.

A very special thank you to Winona Mann, Dennis Furmaker and the Bear Clan helpers for assisting with the arrangements. You provided us great peace of mind knowing our Mom was well taken care of.

Thank you all for the kind gestures, sympathy, and support.

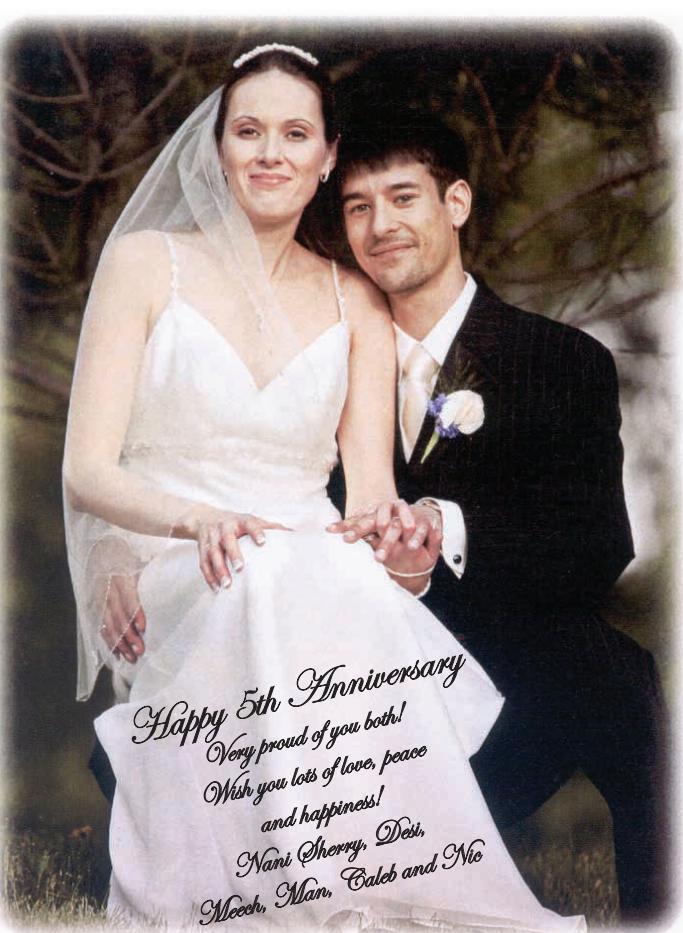
The family of Alice Mae Eades

# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Happy 50th Anniversary

## Fred & Karen Decorah

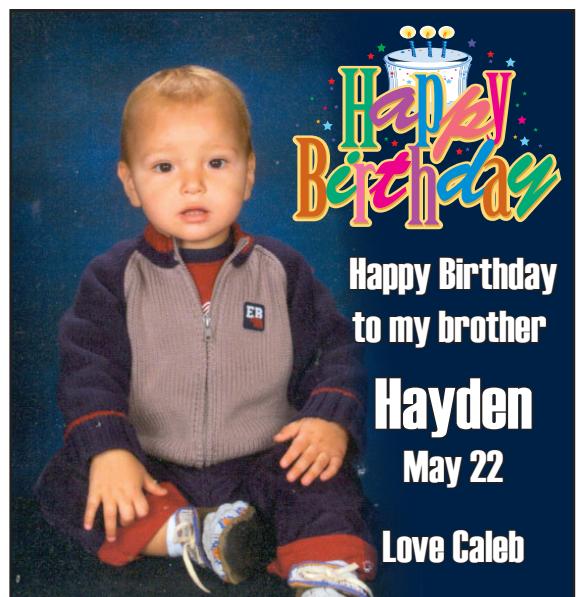
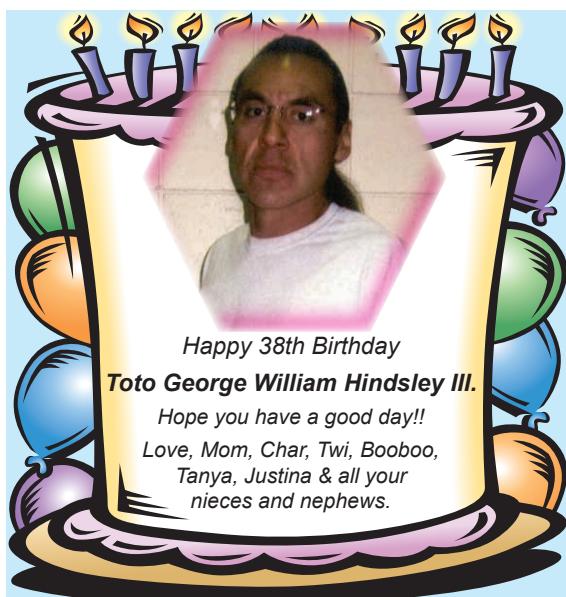
Love your Sister Nancy,  
Brother Ralph & Families



## NOTICE

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment Will be holding its Quarterly Meeting on:  
**Friday June 27th, 2014 • 9:00AM**  
Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building,  
Black River Falls

Please note: The meeting is open to tribal members



## HO-CHUNK NATION TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY POW-WOW MAY 24-26, 2014

Public Welcome

ANDREW BLACKHAWK MEMORIAL POW-WOW GROUNDS

5 Miles east of Black River Falls on Hwy 54

## Honoring the Ho-Chunk Nation Code Talkers

Sponsored by Andrew the Blackhawk American Legion Post 129

**GRAND ENTRIES** Saturday & Sunday: 1 PM & 6 PM, Monday: 1 PM

**MC's:** Lance Long/TBA

**Arena Director:** Bobby Bird, Bobby Blackdeer

**First 10 Drums:** Paid, all others fuel expense

### Monday Honorary Flag Raising

**CODE TALKER  
RECOGNITION  
SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON**



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Ken Lewis 2014

Legion Raising Andrew Blackhawk's Flag Saturday 10 AM 1964 Andrew Blackhawk donated the land which is now the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds.

Registration for Monday's Flag Raising and Veteran's Recognition is at the Legion Post building Saturday and Sunday 11:00 AM till Closed, Monday morning at 8 AM - 9:30 AM

### Honorary Flag Raising Monday morning at 10 AM

10 AM all flags at 1/2 staff. Noon all flags at full staff. Veteran recognition at 2 PM Retire all colors at 4 PM

### FREE CAMPING Showers at District 1 Com. Center Sat-Mon 8-11 AM

Vendors fee \$150 for all weekend, cash only. For more information contact Karen Green at 800-294-9343 or 715-896-1925 or via e-mail: [Karen.Green@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Karen.Green@ho-chunk.com)

Event organizers, sponsors and staff are not responsible for any injuries, theft loss or property damage. Alcohol, drugs, firearms and anyone under the influence are prohibited.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ FREE

**Cultural Fine Arts Day**

DOOR PRIZES

May 31st, 2014  
Doors open @ 12:00 pm—7:00 pm

1pm Grand Entry

Black River Falls Middle School

Please join us in celebrating our 2013-2014 school year's cultural integration. Students' art work will be displayed as well as an archery shoot, Lacrosse game demonstrations, and Native dancing.

- All families are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- Art Gallery will open at noon
- Dance social will have Grand Entry at 1pm
- Meal will be served at 3pm (FREE)
- Make-and-take crafts include: dream catchers, pottery, corn art, and more!
- FRY BREAD CONTEST!!!

Contact Arielle Hall with any questions;  
[arielle.hall@ho-chunk.com](mailto:arielle.hall@ho-chunk.com)  
715-284-8378

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# Thundercloud receives Scholar Athlete award

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau student recently received high honors for her academic and athletic performance throughout the school year.

Callie Thundercloud, daughter of Nichi McDonald and Matthew Thundercloud, received the honor at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, in the G-E-T auditorium.

She was presented as an "All Conference Selection Scholar Athlete" in front of a capacity crowd, along with other students who received a similar distinction.

"I have known Callie for three years in my position as principal of Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School," said Principal Troy White. "Callie possesses a tremendous spirit and is a person of character. She loves learning and family, has a passion for sports and is truly civic minded. Callie has a persistent and tenacious spirit that I'm confident will serve her well in any future endeavors."

Callie is planning on going to UW – Madison for fitness and dietician. She enjoys playing with her two labs, Chelsea and Crete, she loves to be on the Mississippi River and hiking in area parks around Trempealeau.

Callie lives with her mom, Nichi, step-dad, Corey Feyen, and step-sister, McKenzie in Trempealeau, her brother, Dalton, lives in St Charles, MO. Her Dad, Matthew Thundercloud, lives in Reedsburg.

"As a freshmen, Callie found herself a strong varsity spot on the GET Area HS team," said LeaAnn Bohn, athletic secretary and head gymnastics coach. "She works hard not only at practice but has put in years of commitment as a youth to help create a tradition of strong gymnastics. Callie is a strong gymnast on the uneven bars which used to be a weak event for our team."

"She never wants to get off the bars. When her hands were hurting and ripping with calluses, she would persevere through the pain and rips to

continue and get new skill after new skill, Bohn said.

"One of the best things about Callie is how she was able to handle the pressure. As a freshmen in the big meets she became a gymnast with a score I could rely on," she said. "That says a lot to have the mental toughness at a young age in a competitive sport against older athletes. Callie has also done coaching at the Blue Angels Gymnastics Club along with volunteering to coach our annual summer school programs. She is a classy role model for all our younger athletes and community. I look forward to another three years for Callie as she continues to be one of our leaders on the team."

Callie may be a small girl but she is packed full of energy and power, said Jennifer Johnson, volleyball coach.

"She is always smiling and friendly," Johnson said. "She works hard every day and she is a sponge always soaking in new things. She has so much potential and she works hard so I can't wait to see what she will be like in the coming

years."

Her track coach, Kirk Lebakken, said that Callie is a good teammate and she takes her training very seriously.

"I definitely enjoy having Callie on the track team," Lebakken said. "It is important for her to do well, you can really see an inner drive that she has. She has great potential and has accepted the challenge of learning pole vault which is one of the more difficult events to master. I see her being a great contributor in the future and I hope she continues to work hard and use her athletic talent to the fullest."

In her spare time, Callie enjoys playing with her dog, Crete, and outdoor recreation such as hiking, boating, canoeing, camping and hanging out with her friends.

"I am very happy to go to a school where the teacher work with you to be good in sports and get good grades. I love all sports, but volleyball and gymnastics are my favorite," Callie said. "I hope to work with people to help them stay healthy in the future, with ex-



**Callie Thundercloud is an All Conference Selection Scholar Athlete from G.E.T High School.**

ercise and eating well."

Callie has spent time traveling, she has been to California, Florida, Washington, D.C. and Missouri. When traveling, she enjoys plays, museums, parks and other local must-sees. She is planning a trip to New York in October to see the 911 museum and Ellis Island.

## Chess king chalks up another tournament

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

When it comes to chess, Leslie Thompson knows how to make checkmate every time.

Thompson was crowned the champion of the annual Ho-Chunk Chess Tournament, held April 16 at the District



**Leslie Thompson displays two trophies from his three chess tournament championships.**

One Community Building.

But what makes it more significant is that it is Thompson's third championship in a row.

"I've never been defeated in the tournament," he said.

This time, the tournament lasted about five hours and was single-elimination, he said. Previous years it was double elimination, meaning if a contestant lost a match, that person still had a chance to win the championship, providing that player won the remaining rounds.

Thompson attributes his success to his preparation.

"I got ready by just studying the game and playing online," he said. "The most important is studying openings. You really have to know your first 10 moves. When you get past that, you're into the middle game where it really gets rough."

"The important thing is not to panic under pressure," he said.

When Thompson was first introduced to chess about 20 years ago, he didn't think he would like the game.

"I was afraid of the game because of how the pieces looked and the bizarre movements each made. I was confused by them," he said.

Thompson has been playing chess for many years, even teaching chess at College of DuPage in Illinois. Also, he was working at a homeless shelter for a while and played chess with many of the residents.

"There were many fantastic chess players there," he said. "They showed me some fantastic chess moves."

One of his interests in the game is the annual U.S. Chess Open which is played in a different city in the country each year. Last year it was situated in Madison and Thompson was determined to attend.

However, his vehicle broke down and he was unable to go.

The game is a testament to using strategy to achieve a victory.

"You have to study yourself as well as your opponent," he said. "But every move is so crucial. One bad move can blow the whole tournament."

Thompson admits to making a blunder in this year's tournament, where the oppo-

nent could have "chopped me to pieces," he said. Fortunately, he was able to recover and eventually win the game.

"You have to pounce on your opponent or he or she can come back," Thompson said.

Since the tournament is for players 18 and older, he hopes that someday there will be a junior chess tournament for the younger players.

He said chess is a perfect game to exercise your mind and can be played anytime, anywhere.

"It forces you to think in the abstract," he said. "You can be as good as you want to be."

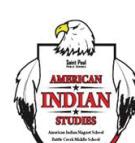
## May is American Indian Month

In an effort to support Native American awareness the following events will take place at

**Harding High School**  
**1540 E 6th St, St Paul, MN 55106**

**Friday, May 16th, 2014**

9 am - 7pm	Building a Ho-Chunk Ciiporoke in the courtyard
10:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch provided for American Indian students and community members
12pm - 2:15pm	Jackie Bird performs in the auditorium Jackie Bird is a Three Affiliated Tribes and Dakota singer, dancer, storyteller and musician <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/music/JackieBird/">http://www.angelfire.com/music/JackieBird/</a>
5pm - 7pm	Dinner catered by Jason Champagne, Native Chef



**Show Your Native Pride**

**May 2**  
Rock your Beads

**May 9**  
Rock your Moccasins

**May 16**  
Rock your Native T-Shirt

**May 23**  
Rock your Braids

**May 30**  
AIMS Pow Wow

These events are made possible through a partnership with the above sponsors

**Summer Mentorship in Professionalism Program 2014**  
High School Ho-Chunk Youth that are interested  
In working this summer, contact  
Roberta Funmaker, HCG- WD  
Training and Development Department  
1-800-746-2486 Extension 2451  
roberta.funmaker@ho-chunk.com



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